



## Volunteer Job Description

*Humane Society of Sonoma County training methodology and philosophy is force-free and animal-friendly, utilizing primarily positive reinforcement. HSSC does not condone the use of aversive training methods, defined as "any circumstance or event that causes pain, fear, or emotional discomfort."*

<b>Position Title:</b> Forget Met Not Farm Volunteer/Mentor	<b>Supervisor:</b> Farm Staff & Beth Karzes, Volunteer Coordinator
<b>Location:</b> Forget Me Not Farm	<b>Time Commitment:</b> 2 hour shift/ once a week Monday- Friday, 10 - 5
<b>Position Description:</b> Work alongside farm staff and volunteers at the Forget Me Not Farm sanctuary in a group setting teaching at risk youth, exposed to violence, many in foster care experience and learn kindness, compassion, respect and empathy caring for the residential farm animals, vegetable, flower and herb gardens and fruit orchards.	
<b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentor at-risk youth who visit the farm and gardens once a week in a group setting</li> <li>• Provide positive assistance to youth with weekly activities helping care for the rescue animals and gardens throughout the four seasons</li> <li>• Participate in the production and harvest of our farm to table program by growing healthy veggies, flowers, herbs and fruit</li> <li>• One-on-one vocational mentoring with an at risk teen in various depts; Dog Walking, Cat Care, Animal Hospital etc.</li> </ul>	
<b>Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be 21 &amp; 5 yrs older than teens served</li> <li>• Must be a positive role model</li> <li>• Ability to follow directions</li> <li>• Enjoy working with at risk youth</li> <li>• Must be able to supervise at risk teens</li> <li>• Enjoy being outdoors rain or shine, hot or cold and working on a farm with large farm animals and gardening.</li> <li>• Must be able to physically navigate, without assistance, the farm grounds and terrain and activities on the farm in outside all year round weather in rain, mud, heat, and sun</li> <li>• Must pass background check and be fingerprinted</li> </ul>	
<b>Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a direct difference in the lives of youth who need positive role models</li> <li>• Share your love of animals, outdoor and horticulture education and healthy food with participating youth</li> </ul>	

- Gain experience working with a variety of youth from preschool age to young adulthood.
- Gain experience working with youth with a variety of abilities, interests, and helping teach them new life skills.
- Spend quality time enriching the lives of the farm animals and participating youth!

**Feedback/Evaluation:** Weekly pre and post group check in with farm staff as needed

**Training:** Attend General Volunteer Orientation; Attend a Forget Me Not Farm Volunteer Orientation and follow up with Forget Me Not Farm application and background check.